

Welthungerhilfe – Türkiye

Call for Local NGOs for expression of interest



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General Overview:

Welthungerhilfe (WHH) in Türkiye:

Founded in 1962, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), one of the largest non-profit international aid organizations in Germany, officially started its activities in Türkiye in 2013. The organization strives for "Zero Hunger by 2030" through its core focus areas of agriculture and environment, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); economic development; humanitarian aid; climate change; and civil society and advocacy.

Welthungerhilfe has extensive experience in agriculture, livelihoods, nutrition, social cohesion, and protection sectors in Türkiye and cross-border projects. WHH's main focus areas in Turkey range from livelihoods and socioeconomic recovery to systems strengthening and innovation. The organization aims to build resilience and sustainably improve livelihoods through market-based solutions, particularly for farmers, SMEs, cooperatives and local workers affected by the 2023 earthquake, with a special focus on women and youth in rural and drought-prone areas. In the area of protection services, localized support is provided to vulnerable groups, particularly through Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), while environmental sustainability is promoted through climate-smart agriculture, permaculture and regenerative practices, and community resilience to climate-related disasters is enhanced. Social cohesion is supported through community-led initiatives and child/youth modules, promoting behavioral changes in nutrition, hygiene, gender equality and environmental protection. WHH localizes its programs through strategic partnerships with local NGOs, government agencies, academia and the private sector, while aiming to improve service quality through capacity building and two-way evaluations. Finally, WHH adopts a shift from direct service delivery to system-level empowerment, focusing on evidence-based programming and developing innovative solutions by investing in digital tools..

Objectives and Scope of Partnership:

Welthungerhilfe (WHH) is seeking expressions of interest from local partners based in Hatay Province to collaborate on the implementation of the REBUILD project — Recovery and Empowerment for Businesses, Urban Services, Infrastructure, Livelihoods, and Development for Communities Impacted by the Earthquake in Türkiye. This initiative aims to establish a pool of experienced and committed local organizations with with proven capacity in livestock production recovery, livestock-related MSME revitalization, and support for food-related enterprises in earthquake-affected areas.

The complete objective is to jointly contribute to the sustainable recovery and economic resilience of communities impacted by the February 2023 earthquake. Selected partners will take the lead in implementing project activities, while WHH will provide technical guidance, monitoring, and oversight to ensure quality, accountability, and alignment with strategic goals.

Priority areas of collaboration include:

1. Livestock Recovery and Animal Welfare

- Support EQ-affected small ruminant and cattle farmers through veterinary services, fodder, medicine, and shelter rehabilitation.
- Improve livestock health and productivity and reduce vulnerability through targeted input and infrastructure support.

2. Livestock-Related MSME Support and Market Linkage

- Provide scale-up grants to livestock-related MSMEs affected by the earthquake.
- Strengthen vertical and horizontal market linkages to revitalize local economies and enhance the resilience of the livestock value chain.

Through this partnership, WHH aims to promote locally driven and gender-inclusive implementation, reinforce food and economic security, and foster long-term resilience. Organizations with strong operational presence, relevant technical expertise, and a commitment to local ownership are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility and Application Requirements:

Organizations interested in partnering with Welthungerhilfe (WHH) must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Local Presence and Registration:

- Be a local non-governmental organization (NGO) or civil society organization (CSO) registered in Türkiye.
- Have active operations and physical presence in earthquake-affected areas, particularly Hatay Province.
- Be available and willing to work on-site in the targeted implementation areas. For activities involving digital components, regular field visits will be required if deemed necessary.
- Organizations with experience in projects funded by institutional donors such as BMZ, EU, GIZ, UN agencies are highly encouraged to apply.

2. Relevant Technical Experience

Organizations must demonstrate technical expertise in at least one of the following areas:

- **Livestock Support:**
 - Proven experience in supporting livestock-related micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through grant management, recovery planning, and market linkage development.
 - Experience in implementing value chain or area-based economic empowerment programs in disaster-affected regions.
- **Livestock-related MSMEs:**

- Background in supporting micro, small and medium enterprises through grant programs, business development support, and financial recovery interventions.
- Experience in targeting both host communities and refugee populations in economic empowerment projects.

3. Sustainability and Local Ownership

- Demonstrated institutional capacity to ensure sustainability of the project activities and promote local ownership.
- Existing long-term collaboration and trust with local communities.
- Ability to propose strategies for ensuring lasting outcomes and continued engagement beyond project closure.

4. Partnership and Coordination Capacity

- Proven ability to collaborate effectively with other NGOs, INGOs, local authorities (e.g. municipalities, directorates), and community structures.
- Capacity to maintain open and efficient communication and coordination throughout the project lifecycle.
- Experience in successful implementation of multi-stakeholder projects.

5. Administrative and Operational Capacity

- Adequate administrative systems for project management, procurement, reporting, and financial accountability.
- Ability to conduct effective monitoring and evaluation of program activities.
- Experience in transparent fund management and compliance with donor regulations.
- Sufficient capacity to implement project activities on time and within budget.

Reference Letter Guidance:

As you prepare to submit your application for WHH's Call for Expression of Interest, we would like to remind you about the importance of including a reference letter. This letter should come from at least one INGO that has previously partnered with your NGO.

The reference letter is essential for showcasing your organization's capabilities, strengths, and accomplishments. It can be provided either as a signed document or as an email sent directly by the provider.

Please ensure that the reference letter meets the following criteria:

- 1. Organization Details:** Include the name and contact information (address, email, phone number) of the referring organization.
- 2. Date:** The date the letter was issued.
- 3. Referrer's Information:** Include the name and position of the person providing the reference.
- 4. Collaboration Details:** Briefly describe how your organization collaborated with the referring organization.
- 5. Achievements:** Highlight any key contributions or successes achieved during the partnership.
- 6. Additional Information:** Please feel free to include any other relevant information that could support your application.

Please make sure the reference letter is addressed to your organization.

Local partner selection process:

Selection of local partners is a transparent process aimed at identifying organizations aligned with Welthungerhilfe's mission, project, and partnership objectives. In this process, Welthungerhilfe aims to determine the scope and size of possible cooperation according to the capacities of the local partners applying to the call. Priority will be given to local organizations that share our commitment to ecological awareness and sensitivity and to conservation with a rights-based approach, and that have high potential to respond to the needs of communities. The review process is designed to thoroughly evaluate each application and see how well it meets the goals and criteria set out in our Call for Expression of Interest. A team of experienced experts will carefully review your application. After this initial review, some applicants might have the chance to discuss their application further or clarify any points. These discussions could lead to opportunities for collaboration with WHH and to be selected for further organizational assessment.

Applications will be evaluated under the following parts, which are in the application form:

#	Evaluation Criteria	Score (%)
1	Organizational profile.	10%
2	Financial Management	30%
3	- Grant Management - Program and Project Management (Project chart) - Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL)	30%
4	Policies and SOPs: Compliance. - Procurement and Logistics - HR Management, Employee and Volunteer Information. - Safety, Security, and Access	30%

*****It is important to note that being selected as a potential local partner does not guarantee immediate funding or cooperation in specific projects.***

Application guidelines:

Interested organizations are expected to fill out the application form and provide a **maximum** of three reference letters. As the call aims to assess and analyze potential partners' overall capacity and focus areas of work, **we strongly encourage applicants to provide their answers supported by data like achievements, for example: the number of beneficiaries reached, budget allocations, number of projects, etc.)** as this will be helpful for the data reviewing process.

The deadline for the submission is: 02.07.2025 at midnight (Time zone in İstanbul (GMT+3)).

Important Note: Only shortlisted organizations will be contacted.

The link to the application form: [LINK](#).

Mandatory documents to be submitted:

- Official registration certificate and statute of the CSO (Copy of Documents Regarding the Legal Status of the Organization in Türkiye)
- Expression of Interest Application Form (signed and stamped PDF version and Work version)
- Organization Chart.
- Reference Letter/s.

Documents that can be sent on request:

- Promotional/informative materials about your organization or activities
- Annual activity reports
- Reference documents for completed projects
- Organizational guidelines (logistics, finance, MEAL, etc.)

It is important to note that inclusion in the partnership pool does not guarantee immediate funding or cooperation on specific projects.

The partnership pool will be valid for two years and will undergo a thorough review and potential renewal at the end of the two years.

Thank you for your interest in our project.